

The Barber Papers

BOLIVIA

INITIATING AUTHORITY:

BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT

Date Range of Correspondence: 7/11/1882 - 8/11/1883

Number of Documents: 2

Art Work: None

Significance: Both of the preserved letters were of very early date, the first actually anticipating the Mint's authority to strike Coins for other countries. As far as we know, no documentation exists indicating that requests for U.S. Mint striking were actually taken to contract stage, presumably because of cost.

BOSTON,

July 11th 1883.

A. Loudon Snowden Esq. Sup't.
Mint of the United States
Phila.
Pa.

Dear Sir;

Referring to our correspondence of last November, we now hand an order for Dues from our friends in Bolivia requesting you to execute same as soon as possible. We send a package by Adams Express today containing specimens of the different coins mentioned. We beg for your special care to see that the above order is exact, as so long a delay would occur if anything had to be rectified. When ready pack in a strong box carefully and forward to our address here, seeing that everything is well wrapped to stand a long sea voyage.

Please advise us on receipt of this if the coins are safely at hand, and if everything is order, while we remain

Yours most truly
Hemenway & Browne
J. M. Parker

HEMENWAY & BROWNE.

75 STATE STREET,

BOSTON,

7 Nov. 1882

Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Pa

Sir,

We beg to enclose translation
and copy (in Spanish) of a request
we have received to ascertain the
prices at which the Moulds described
could be furnished.

We believe that your Mint is the
only establishment in the U. S. that
can furnish them, and if it would
be done there, please advise the prices
as nearly as practicable, so that
we may report at once to the Mint
at Potosi.

Respectfully,
Hemenway & Browne

~~SECRET~~

(Tornado)

My Cousin

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Acers preparados para cubrir
muebles, como mesas para
cada clase de muebles

El balance con su accesorio,

acunar moneda, de los siguientes tipos:

- (1) 1 peso fuerte (boliviano)
- (2) 50 centavos fuertes (medio boliviano)
- (3) 20 " (quintos de boliviano)
- (4) 10 " (decimo de boliviano)
- (5) 5 " (vigesimo de boliviano)

El diametro de la 1^a es de 35 milímetros

1	2 ^a	30
"	3 ^a	23
"	4 ^a	18
"	5 ^a	15

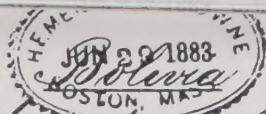
El tipo y cuño, es el siguiente: en el anverso el Escudo nacional con la inscripcion "Republica Boliviana". En el reverso: dos laureles en cuyo centro dice "Un boliviano o medio, etc., 25, 12, 50c. 5, 2,500, o 1,250 gramos y ⁹/₁₀ de cimo fino: al rededor esta inscripcion: "La union es la fuerza". Monograma de la Casa de Moneda, iniciales del ensayador, y la fecha del año.

Han como muestra, cinco monedas correspondientes a cada uno de los tipos indicados, para mayor claridad del pedido.

Se recomienda de la perfeccion del dibujo y

de su correcta

Pedido que hace la Legacion de
en Buenos Ayres a los Estados Unidos de
Norte America, por conducto de los Sres
Lawson & Co



Cinco juegos matrices para abrir troqueles de
acunar moneda, de los siguientes tipos

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|-----|----|------------------------------------|
| (1) | 1 | peso fuerte (boliviano) |
| (2) | 50 | centavos fuertes (medio boliviano) |
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Boliviana En el reverso: dos laureles en cuyo
 centro dice Un boliviano o medio, etc. 25, 12, 500.
5, 2500, o 1250 granos y 9 decimos fino: al
rededor esta inscripcion: La union es la fuerza

(Translation)

The cost prices of the following for the Potosi Mint (Bolivia) are required.

1 Set of moulds to cast dies for coining money, of the following type or design

- (1) 1 peso fuerte (boliviano)
- (2) 50 centavos fuertes (medio boliviano)
- (3) 20 " " (quinto de boliviano)
- (4) 10 " " (decimo de boliviano)
- (5) 5 " " (vigésimo de boliviano)

The diameter of the 1st is of 35 milímetros

"	"	2 ^o	30	"
"	"	3 ^o	23	"
"	"	4 ^a	18	"
"	"	5 ^{ta}	15	"

The type or stamp is as follows; on the obverse of the coin the National Arms with the inscription "Republica Boliviana" - on the reverse two laurel Branches; in the centre 1 Boliviano or medio etc 25, 12500, 5, 2500. 5' 1250 gramos y 9 decimos fino. Around this inscription. La Union es la fuerza; monogram of the Mint, the initials of the assayer & the year of issue.

1944 1/2

Boston, Mass.

Nov 9, 1887

Hemenway & Brown

Requests Estimate of
Cost of tubes for det. of
Dios. fr. a plant at
Pottery, Bolivia,
South America

1 Enclosure.

Buenos Ayres, (S. A.)
July 11/82

M. Ornista

(copy & translation)

Wants Estimates
of Cast of Moulds
for Dies for a Mould
at Potassi, Bolivia,
S. A.

R. W. May

(Plans or designs will be sent)
1 Lever to be worked by steam
Buenos Ayres July 11/82

(signed) H. Ornisti